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**REPLY BRIEF** 

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in reply to a potentially new issue raised in the Examiner's Answer dated June 2, 2004.

1) On page 8 of the Answer, it is stated that

Wilson '085 expressly describes its fixture as being mountable in a shower or bathtub stall. Wilson '085 discloses contents including tissue dispensers and portable accessories.

To the extent that such a statement is intended to imply that Wilson discloses to place a toilet tissue dispenser in a shower or bathtub stall, the statement is incorrect. The type of dispenser that Wilson describes as being mountable in a shower or bathtub is a <u>soap</u> dispenser (see column 2, lines 35-39 and 41-46). Wilson also discloses a toilet tissue dispenser but does not disclose mounting it at a bathtub or shower stall.

There is <u>no motivation</u> in Wilson for placing a portable tissue dispenser at a shower or bathtub.

Respectfully submitted,

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